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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak with majority prices in the Major terminal markets trending lower to sharply lower than a week earlier. Demand was irregular, and usually reported as fair for the holiday weekend. However, additional offerings were usually available. Supplies of all sizes were fully adequate to burdensome with discounts doing little to clear available floor stocks. In the parts structure, movement was light and cautious despite lower prices. Breast items were ample and slow to clear, balance of items were at least adequate. In production areas, live supplies were moderate to heavy. Weights were in a full range, but mostly desirable.

**Preliminary report** of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 9/06/04-09/10/04 (cents per lb)

### US GRADE A

(Including branded product)

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	58.00-61.00	53.00-79.00	62.39	28
Los Angeles	84.00			
New York	60.00-63.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	74.00-78.00	55.00-80.00	77.42	93

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 79.00 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

### PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
987	74.25-81.00	78.69

Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	238.50	1,399
BREASTS - B/S	194.00	5,496
BREASTS - WHOLE	109.50	1,527
THIGH MEAT - B/S	85.50	1,059
LEG QUARTERS	31.50	7,493
WINGS	112.00	2,935

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

**MIDWEST** Preliminary majority prices for next week's deliveries into the Chicago area were 4 cents lower from Monday's final. The market tone on whole broiler/fryers was steady to weak. Heavy weight Wog offerings remained fully sufficient while lighter weight birds were available to short of trade needs. Hurricane preparations along with holiday rationing of trucking services continue to disrupt the flow of product and impact markets. Retail and food service demand was mixed, light to good; mostly moderate to fairly good overall. Floor stocks were in a full range. Weights were desirable to trending heavy. Parts supplies were at least adequate with ample offerings of breast cuts. The market tone was steady to about steady on leg quarters and wings and barely steady to weak on remaining parts.

**SOUTHERN** Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. Demand was fair for the holiday weekend business. However, supplies were fully adequate to available for full trade needs. Traders were closely watching the weather and unsure if loads will or will not be delivered. In the parts structure, movement was light for the available offerings. Supplies of breast items were fully adequate to ample with lower prices offered to clear additional offerings. Wings were holding their own, with balance of items barely steady. In production areas, live supplies were moderate to heavy at mostly desirable weights.

**NORTHEAST** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers increased slightly entering the weekend, but was noted as fair at best. Offerings of all sizes were readily available at discounted levels. In the parts complex, boneless-skinless breasts were ample and sharply discounted. Bone-in breasts were fully adequate. Dark meat cuts were at least sufficient. Wings were at least adequate.

**WESTERN** The market tone was weak with preliminary majority prices lower. Offerings were ample overall to cover trade needs. Lightweight product was in the best position with heavyweight product sharply discounted. Buying activity had improved somewhat to cover last minute holiday needs. Retailer demand was moderate overall, best to cover features. Dealers anticipated satisfactory week-end clearances. The market tone was generally steady on dark meat items, barely steady on wings and weak on breast.

**Ads noted** (per pound unless otherwise stated): **Arizona** – roaster 149, boneless breast 197-529, boneless thigh meat 149-199, leg quarters 99-149, drumstick 99-159, thigh 99-159; **Colorado** – whole body 179, roaster 129, boneless breast 399, boneless breast strips 499, boneless breast and boneless thigh meat combo 199, leg quarter 10# bagged 290, drumstick 129-149 and 4# bag IQF 350, thigh 129-149 and 4# bag IQF 350, **deli food service** – fried 8 piece mixed 499, 50 piece fried 2999, 100 piece fried 5899, 150 piece fried 150; **Idaho** – whole cut-up 99, boneless breast 197-299, boneless breast tenders 299, drumstick 79 and 4# bag IQF 299, thigh 79 and 4# bag IQF 299, chicken kabob 599, **deli food service** – fried 122 piece mixed 699; **Northern California** – whole body 99-159 and buy one get one free, boneless breast 299-499, boneless breast fillets 369, split breast free range 369, whole leg organic 279, whole leg free range 169, whole leg 169, drumstick 99-119, thigh 99, chicken kabob 599; **Southern California** – whole body 79-89, whole cut-up 169, cornish hen marinated 137, cornish hen 12 count case 1598-2199, boneless breast 187-499, boneless breast 3# IQF 599, boneless breast and thigh meat combo 249, boneless leg meat 98-147, boneless leg meat marinated 129, split breast 97-199, leg quarters marinated 79, leg quarter 10# bagged 370-590, wings 5# bag IQF 599, thigh 87-169 and 4# bag IQF 316, drumstick 87-169 and 4# bag IQF 316, boneless skinless chicken kabob 598, combo pack 15 piece contains drumstick/thigh/wing 128, **deli food service** – fried mixed 8 piece 499, 8 piece drumstick and thigh 348, 16 piece drumstick and thigh 698, 50 piece drumstick and thigh 1988, hot wings 398, strips 499, rotisserie 498 each).

**DELMARVA** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds generally increased entering the weekend, but remained insufficient in clearing the bulk of offerings, particularly on the smaller sizes. Live supplies were at least moderate; weights were mostly desirable to light. Processor schedules were heavy when combined with operations slated for Saturday. Most plants were scheduled to close Monday in observance of Labor Day. Some spot downtime was planned for Tuesday. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 to 2 cents lower at 63 to 78 cents. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. In the parts complex, supplies were more than sufficient for current inquiry.

\*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

### BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	56-85
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	65.66
NO. OF BOXES	7,005
CUMULATIVE	
	08/30/04-09/03/04 67.86
	09/01/03-09/05/03 60.69
NO. OF BOXES	
	08/30/04-09/03/04 45,162
	09/01/03-09/05/03 37,634

7 of 7 plants reporting.

SEP 02

**SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS**

SEP 03

ITEM	POUNDS		WTD		POUNDS		WTD		WEEKLY	
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	800	117.00-210.00	122-130	129.33	653	121.00-210.00	122-127	129.93	3,583	141.70
TENDERLOINS	160	180.00-245.00	180-185	185.03	168	180.00-245.00	180-185	185.60	937	188.30
BREAST - LINE RUN	111	105.00-120.00	109-112	110.69	115	99.00-120.00	100-103	103.04	529	109.14
FRONT HALVES	100	62.00-70.00	62-64	64.30	140	59.00-66.00	62-64	62.86	470	64.20
LEGS	83	30.00-52.00	33-35	35.43	82	30.00-55.00	33-35	33.83	495	34.75
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	549	23.00-30.00	25-26	25.70	515	23.00-29.00	25-26	25.58	2,591	25.95
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,300	26.00-31.00	27-29	29.23	923	25.00-31.00	27-29	28.30	5,583	28.75
WINGS (WHOLE)	271	92.00-105.00	94-96	94.85	280	90.00-110.00	93-95	94.45	1,322	95.30
WINGS (CUT)	451	110.00-119.00	114-118	114.88	420	114.00-119.00	115-118	116.29	2,121	115.46
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				134	45.34
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				188	39.69
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				408	89.60

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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS\*\*\*\*\*  
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TRADING FOR SEP 02, 2004 F.O.B. DOCK.

TRADING FOR SEP 03, 2004 F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
42.50 - 50.00	45.00	41.00 - 47.50	44.22	45.18

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS** - Trucklot buying activity had improved moving into the holiday weekend, but was generally noted as fair at best overall. Offerings of boneless skinless breasts were ample and sharply discounted to entice interest. Bone-in breasts were fully adequate. Dark meat items were at least sufficient. Wings were adequate. Movement into retail and distributive channels was lackluster. The market tone continued barely steady to weak.

ICE PACKED B/F PARTS, DLVRD TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER LB.

SEP 03

ITEM	CURRENT NEG		WTD		CURRENT NEG		WTD		WEEKLY	
	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS		TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS	
BREAST - B/S	155	163.86	628,733		150-155	160.32	603,813	165.62	2,880,899	
TENDERLOINS	190-195	173.28	124,120		190	190.17	146,600	186.76	674,920	
BREAST - WITH RIBS	90-91	98.18	162,160		88-89	97.44	162,000	97.27	732,920	
BREAST - LINE RUN	90	86.78	121,600		88	91.96	160,480	89.72	635,680	
LEGS	45-46	39.73	279,000		45-46	44.33	389,361	41.85	1,566,069	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	30-31	30.25	347,538		30-31	32.01	441,535	31.57	2,074,095	
DRUMSTICKS	31-32	37.97	138,760		31-32	38.04	242,319	36.63	845,557	
THIGHS	24-25	31.62	89,440		24-25	39.35	143,487	36.42	551,997	
B/S THIGHS	74-75	79.61	73,840		71-72	75.06	76,200	76.71	377,000	
WINGS (WHOLE)	100-101	113.82	106,560		100-101	106.44	191,640	109.39	736,020	
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.02	25,240		10-12	12.17	27,800	11.99	153,480	
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	25.09	15,680		30-35	26.34	16,640	26.42	78,980	
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	59.64	18,520		55-60	57.68	29,960	58.23	124,000	

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). \* TODAY'S NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

\*\* WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPE, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

**ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)**

ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WT		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS		RANGE
(1,000)		(1,000)				(1,000)						
09/03	09/02	09/01	08/31	09/01	08/31	08/27	08/25			FRYERS		97-99
Alabama	4,817	4,055	4,079	4,058	5.23	5.28	4,686	5.26		ROASTERS 4# & UP		107
Arkansas	6,055	5,529	5,417	5,319	5.11	5.19	6,374	5.12		HENS UNDER 5#		
Delmarva	2,666	2,302	2,314	2,345	5.58	5.56	2,204	5.58		HENS OVER 5#		73-79
KY-LA-TN	2,529	2,096	1,969	2,047	5.00	4.96	2,215	5.11		DUCKS		
Mississippi	3,421	3,101	3,062	3,052	5.47	5.43	3,707	5.45		RABBITS-WHOLE		
North Carolina	4,538	2,546	2,409	2,479	6.41	6.43	3,202	6.46		RABBITS-CUT UP		
Texas	2,483	2,497	2,464	2,550	5.09	5.13	3,686	5.18				
Total	26,509	22,126	21,714	21,850	5.37	5.39	26,074	5.40				
Mon-Fri	114,929(A)						113,151(A)					

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 03-Sep-04 and 04-Sep-04 is estimated to be 39,660,000 head up 1.36 percent from a week ago and up 16.02 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 39,127,000, last year 34,184,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the weekending 04-Sep-04 is estimated to be 166,229,000 head up 0.95 percent from a week ago, and up 21.30 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 164,670,000, last year 137,041,000)

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	RANGE
FRYERS	97-99
ROASTERS 4# & UP	107
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	73-79
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	
<b>SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS</b>	
	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	116
DRY PACK	
ICE PACK	107-108
ROASTERS 4# & UP	108-109
ICE PACK	
DRY PACK	110
HENS OVER 5#	93
ICE PACK	
DRY PACK	93-95
DUCKS	170-185

**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED** Under federal inspection, classified by live wt., week ending 21-Aug-04 (Preliminary),

	(A) Fast food/ Food service	(B) Retail	(C) Deboning
	4.20 Lbs & down	4.21-5.25 Lbs	5.26 Lbs & Up
	-----THOUSANDS-----		

Head	30,730	17,452	52,672
Avg Weight	3.60	4.69	6.27
% of total /1	30%	17%	52%

#### Comparisons

Last week	27,230	22,088	45,096
Avg Weight	3.77	4.71	6.27
% of total /1	29%	23%	48%

Same week, yr ago /2	14,424	22,216	26,200
Avg Weight	3.64	4.79	6.20
% of total /1	23%	35%	42%

To date/2004	878,236	717,696	1,491,672
To date/2003	793,758	773,216	1,493,435

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding. /2 Comparable week.

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

#### **LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION** (Preliminary)

W/E 28-Aug-04	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
	-----THOUSANDS-----				

Head	164,670	1,296	1,571	2,867	455
Avg Wt	5.30	3.36	8.01	5.91	6.75
Last week	163,809	1,657	1,298	2,955	506
Same wk yr ago	162,103	1,229	1,556	2,785	379
Avg Wt	5.05	3.64	8.09	6.13	6.58
To-date/2004	5,311,518	46,227	45,123	91,350	15,852
To-date/2003	5,244,870	51,994	47,527	99,521	14,125

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 165.0 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 166.7 million head, or 1.7 million more than estimated available.

#### **GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION -** AUGUST 31, 2004 PRICES PAID PER POUND, EXCEPT AS NOTED

**\*\*AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY\*\***

	RANGE		RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.10 - 1.15	Silkie	1.25 - 1.50 ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	.90 - 1.00	Geese 9-14 LBS	.45 - .50 ea.
Pekin Ducks	.40 - .50	Pigeons	2.00 - 2.25 ea.
Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	.40 - .45	White Pigeons	3.00 - 3.75 ea.
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.50 - .70	Rabbits 4-6 LBS	.79 - .85
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.60 - .80	Rabbits 6-9 LBS	.78 - .83
Crossbred Roosters		Bunnies	1.25 - 5.00 ea.
4-6 LBS	1.00 - 1.15	Guinea Pigs	.50 - 3.00 ea.
Crossbred Roosters		Doves	3.50 - 4.10 ea.
7-11 LBS	.70 - .80	Pullets 4-6 LBS	.80
Guinea Fowl	1.10 - 1.15		
Banty Roosters	3.50 - 4.00ea.	Total Coops Sold	384
Banty Hens	2.00 - 2.50ea.		
Leghorn Roosters	.75 - 1.00ea.		

#### **EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY**

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 30-AUGUST-2004

**DUCKLINGS:** PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND MOSTLY	143-145	149-151

MIDWEST MOSTLY	127-131	128-133
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**ROASTERS:** PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	77.00-85.00	82.00-85.00
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	62.00-86.00	65.00-70.00

**SQUABS:** NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ.	60.48-71.28
14 OZ.	66.96-77.92
16 OZ.	73.44-86.67

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA RI,SC,VA,VT,WV

**CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS** Prices remained unchanged. The trade sentiment was steady. Demand was moderate to at times fairly good. Schedules were full-time. Weights were desirable. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$4.25-5.25, bone in legs at \$1.35-1.45, gizzards at \$1.35-1.40, wings at \$0.30-0.50, livers at \$0.75-1.70, and feet at \$0.80-1.15.

NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 30-AUGUST-2004

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	116-134	118-139
MOSTLY		

#### **ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/ FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON**

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
July	24 163.2	167.1	98%	5.15
	31 163.7	166.4	98%	5.26
August	7 161.5	164.8	98%	5.32
	14 163.0	165.1	99%	5.18
	21 165.8	165.5	100%	5.18
	28 166.7	165.0	101%	5.30
Year to date	5376.1	5471.9	98%	
September	4 163.9			
	11 163.0			

#### **BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER**

	Under Federal Inspection				
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
W/E	09/04/04	08/28/04	% CHG	09/06/03	% CHG
Broilers	166,229	164,670*	+95	137,041*	+21.30
Cattle	640	623	+03	648*	-01
Hogs	2,037	1,996	+02	1,747*	+17
*ACTUAL					

**NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET** Trading was too few to report sales on heavy canners; light canners were generally unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was at least moderate for light canners; fair to instances good for heavies with supplies mostly being used internally. Offerings were clearing satisfactorily and ranged about adequate to adequate. Processing schedules were normal to instances heavy. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

<b>LIGHT CANNER HENS</b>	<b>HEAVY CANNER HENS</b>
<b>(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)</b>	<b>(WITHOUT NECKS)</b>
26-33 MAJORITY 27-28	TOO FEW TO REPORT

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

<b>LIGHT CANNER HENS</b>	<b>HEAVY CANNER HENS</b>
<b>(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)</b>	<b>(WITHOUT NECKS)</b>
27-34 MAJORITY 30-30.5	TOO FEW TO REPORT

#### **LIGHT TYPE HENS**

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS (INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

**EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN** Prices were unchanged when compared to last week. Demand was moderate with offerings of spent hens adequate to fully adequate for current trade needs. Processing schedules were mostly normal. Opinions on removal cost were generally steady.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
REMOVAL COST	5-12	8 -10

**SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Costs required to dispose of spent light fowl were too few to report. Demand was light for fully adequate availability from primary suppliers. Schedules were assigned based on a measured call for processed volume. Salvage values were expected to remain constant.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

**NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Mostly prices were unchanged to slightly higher. Demand was fairly good with offerings balanced to adequate. Trade sentiment steady.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
REMOVAL COST	0-10	5-7

#### **HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \***

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 06-SEP-04

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN** Majority prices were generally unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate for the at least adequate to fully adequate offerings. Processing schedules were reported as normal to instances heavy. Supplies of finished product were clearing satisfactorily. The undertone was mostly steady.

<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT

**SOUTH CENTRAL LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS** Trading levels were too few to report. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were reduced for the holiday week. Trade sentiment was about steady.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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**WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN** Plants worked moderate schedules. Offerings adequate.